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1. PROGRAM FOR EXECUTIVE LEVEL PARTICIPANTS IS PROVIDED BELOW. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, VISITORS WILL NOT BE MET AT AIRPORT. IN MOST CITIES, A CENTRAL COORDINATOR HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE A FULL PROGRAM OF BRIEFINGS AND/OR OBSERVATIONAL VISITS. THUS, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE VISITORS CONTACT THE PROGRAM COORDINATORS IDENTIFIED BELOW AS SOON AFTER ARRIVAL AS POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, SINCE SOME COORDINATORS MAY DECIDE AT THE LAST MINUTE TO MEET THE VISITORS AT THE AIRPORT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE FLIGHT SCHEDULES PROVIDED REFERENCE A BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY. IN THE EVENT OF PROBLEMS, VISITORS SHOULD FIRST CONTACT LOCAL COORDINATOR. IF PROBLEMS REMAIN UNRESOLVED, CONTACT UNCLASSIFIED

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S/NM STAFF MEMBER RETKA AT (202) 632-4879 (OFFICE) OR (301) 869-0871 (HOME).

2. HONOLULU - (DRS. SUPHAWAT AND SOMCHIT) - MISS ROSEMARY DESANNA, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LAMPANG PROJECT, MOORE HALL, ROOM 402, 1890 EAST-WEST ROAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII, 96822, HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM

FOR THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 4. THE VISITORS SHOULD CONTACT MISS DESANNA AT (808) 948-7852 UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PAGODA HOTEL.

3. LOS ANGELES - (DRS. SUPHAWAT AND SOMCHIT) - A PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY MR. GLENN SMUTZ OF NIDA'S LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE. ALTHOUGH MR. SMUTZ WILL BE OUT OF THE CITY DURING THEIR VISIT, DRS. SUPHAWAT AND SOMCHIT MAY CONTACT HIS OFFICE IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED - TELEPHONE (213) 824-7456. MR. SMUTZ HAS ARRANGED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

A. APRIL 6, A.M. - BRIEFING BY IRMA STRANTZ, D.P.H., DIRECTOR, DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, GRADUATE HALL, 1937 HOSPITAL PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CA., 90033, (213) 226-4863. THE VISITORS SHOULD BE AT DR. STRANTZ'S OFFICE AT 10:00 AM IF DR. STRANTZ IS NOT AVAILABLE THEY SHOULD CONTACT MR. RENE TOPALIAN AT 226-4881 (SAME OFFICE AS DR. STRANTZ).

B. APRIL 6, P.M. - VISIT TO ASIAN-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM, 5318 SOUTH CRENSHAW BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CAL., 90043. THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS VISIT IS MS. ARLENE ARAKAKI. THE VISITORS SHOULD CONTACT MS. ARAKAKI AT (213) 293-6284, TO LET HER KNOW WHAT TIME THEY WILL ARRIVE.

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ARRIVE AT THE PROGRAM. WE SUGGEST THEY CALL BEFORE THEIR MEETING WITH DR. STRANTZ.

C. APRIL 7 - DURING THE MORNING THE VISITORS WILL MEET WITH DR. MERLIN DIMITMAN OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SERVICES, INC., AT CLINIC ONE (A METHADONE MAINTENANCE CLINIC), 2321 PONTIUS AVE., LOS ANGELES, CAL. 90064, TELEPHONE: (213) 477-2951 OR (213) 477-4085. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 A.M. AND THE VISITORS SHOULD GO DIRECTLY TO CLINIC ONE (WHICH IS NEAR THEIR HOTEL). MR. SMUTZ STRESSES THAT THE VISITORS SHOULD ADVISE THE CAB DRIVER THAT THE CLINIC IS NOT WELL MARKED. DURING THE AFTERNOON DR. DIMITMAN WILL TAKE THE VISITORS TO SEE A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM ALSO OPERATED BY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SERVICES.

4. NEW ORLEANS (DRS. CHECK AND UDOM) - MR. CLAUDE H. REECE, DIRECTOR, MAYOR'S BUREAU OF DRUG AFFAIRS, 1000 HOWARD AVE., SUITE 600, NEW ORLEANS, LA., 70113 IS ARRANGING A PROGRAM FOR APRIL 10. THE VISITORS SHOULD CALL MR. REECE'S OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M., APRIL 10, TELEPHONE (504) 586-4878.

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5. DETROIT (DRS. SUPHAWAT AND SOMCHIT) - MS. DELL WARNER, PROJECT COORDINATOR, WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, 500 KALES BLDG., 76 WEST ADAMS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226, IS ARRANGING A PROGRAM FOR APRIL 10 AND PART OF APRIL 11. MS. WARNER IS PLANNING TO MEET DRS. SUPHAWAT AND SOMCHIT AT THE AIRPORT. IF FOR SOME REASON SHE IS UNABLE TO MEET THEM, THE VISITORS SHOULD CONTACT MS. WARNER AT 9:00 A.M. ON APRIL 10 AT (313) 224-5060.

6. BOSTON (DRS. SUPHAWAT, SOMCHIT, CHEK AND UDOM) - THE BOSTON PROGRAM COORDINATOR IS MR. PAUL ROBINSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, COORDINATING COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE, MAYOR'S OFFICE, ONE CITY HALL SQUARE, BOSTON, MASS. 02201. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PARK-PLAZA HOTEL THE VISITORS SHOULD CONTACT MR. ROBINSON AT (617) 725-3112. THE BOSTON PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M., APRIL 11. THUS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE VISITORS CONTACT MR. ROBINSON AS SOON AS THEY HAVE CHECKED INTO THEIR HOTEL.

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7. NEW YORK (DRS. SUPHAWAT, SOMCHIT, CHEK AND UDOM) - THE NEW YORK COORDINATOR WILL BE DR. CHARLES BUCHWALD, CAREER TEACHERS PROGRAM, DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER, 450 CLARKSON AVE., BOX 32, BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11203. THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M. APRIL 13, LASTING THROUGH APRIL 14. DR. BUCHWALD ASKS THAT THE VISITORS CONTACT HIM AT (212) 630-4718 UPON ARRIVAL AT LA GUARDIA AIRPORT AND AGAIN AFTER THEY HAVE CHECKED INTO THEIR HOTEL. THE VISITORS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO DINNER ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 13 BY DR. ROBERT NEWMAN. THEY SHOULD CONTACT DR. NEWMAN'S OFFICE AT (212) 420-2873 BEFORE BEGINNING THEIR AFTERNOON PROGRAM ON APRIL 13 TO LEARN THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE DINNER.

8. WASHINGTON (DRS. SUPHAWAT, SOMCHIT, CHEK AND UDOM) - THE VISITORS WILL BE MET BY S/NM STAFF MEMBER RETKA AT NATIONAL AIRPORT. THEY WILL BE ADVISED OF THEIR WASHINGTON PROGRAM UPON ARRIVAL.

9. NIDA HAS BEEN ADVISED OF FACT THAT 10 BMHD TRAINEES ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MARCH 15 ON NW FLIGHT 022 FROM TOKYO PER PARA 9, REFERENCE B. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CHANGED ACCORDINGLY AND TRAINEES WILL BE MET BY NIDA STAFF MEMBER MS. PERETA BALIAN.

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10. PER PARA 11, REFERENCE B, PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO PARTICIPANT DEPARTURE. UPON RECEIPT PIO/P, AID/IT WILL ARRANGE HEALTH/ACCIDENT INSURANCE

COVERAGE FOR ALL REPEAT ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING THREE EXECUTIVE LEVEL VISITORS.

11. BECAUSE MARCH 15 ARRIVAL MAY CHANGE PER DIEM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO AVOID CONFUSION AS TO TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM TRAINEES WILL EVENTUALLY RECEIVE, PLEASE ADVISE AS TO HOW PER DIEM REQUIREMENTS WERE ESTIMATED, WHAT PERCENTAGE TRAINEES HAVE BEEN ADVANCED, AND WHAT INSTRUCTIONS THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN ABOUT DOCUMENTING EXPENSES, ETC. IN THE PAST, PARTICIPANTS HAVE OCCASSIONALLY ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON EXPECTING TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PER DIEM, AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IMPLEMENTING AGENCY (NIDA) KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TRAINEES ARE EXPECTING RELATIVE TO PER DIEM.

12. FLIGHT/HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR DRS. CHEK AND UDOM ARE BEING CHANGED PER PARAGRAPH 2, REFERENCE B. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE BEING CHANGED TO SINGLE REPEAT TWO SINGLE ROOMS THROUGHOUT.

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